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In re Application of: **DODGE ET AL.**

Serial No. **09/475,830**

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For: **ABSORBENT COMPOSITES COMPRISING  
SUPERABSORBENT MATERIALS**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 22, 2002, Applicant requests further examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in light of the following amendments and remarks which are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 24-30 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Remarks

Claims 1-23 and 31-32 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, Claims 24-30 are canceled. Support for the amendments to the Specification comes from the originally filed claims. Additionally, the Specification and Abstract have been amended as requested by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the present claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

CERTIFICATION OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on August 22, 2002.

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